

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02-15-2001.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02-15-2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-16 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

2. Claims 1-16 are allowable over the prior art of record since the cited references taken individually or in combination fails to particularly disclose a method of synchronizing a measurement in a communication system by transmitting and receiving pseudo-random signals as synchronous signals during a preselected time period set by a counter value, and transmitting and receiving a test signal afterwards. It is noted that the closest prior art, Bernhard et al (US Patent 5436935) shows a method of generating PN-code signals shifted in time with respect to one another. However, Bernhard et al fails to suggest setting a counter value in determining when to transmit synchronization signals and test signals as required by the claimed invention.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
 - US Patent (6212247) to Olafsson discloses a method for generating programmable synchronization signal for a data communication system
 - US Patent (5805646) to Wang discloses synchronization of a receiver with a transmitter using early-late testing during coarse synchronization

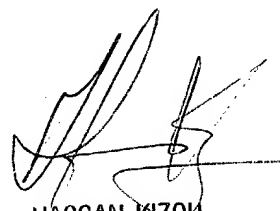
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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hong Cho whose telephone number is 703-305-0343.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri during 7 am to 4 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou can be reached on 703-305-4744. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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